SEBI has received information from 660 entities which had reportedly mobilised about Rs. 2690 crore from investors. SEBI has launched criminal prosecution against several of these entities for failing to wind up their schemes and repay their investors in terms of the Regulations.

SEBI has issued orders to 593 entities directing them to refund the money collected under the Schemes with due returns, within a period of one month from the date of the order.

Other action taken by SEBI includes debarring of the officials concerned of these entities from accessing the capital market for five years; launching of criminal prosecutions against 132 entities and their directors etc.

Reporting of cash transaction by Banks

1441. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all banks have been issued instructions to report all cash transactions over Rs. 10 lakhs to the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this will cause inconvenience to the general public as it could be misused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they have not issued instructions to banks to report all cash transactions over Rs. 10.00 lakhs to RBI. However, branches of banks are instructed to report cash transactions of Rs. 10.00 lakhs and above as well as transactions of suspicious nature in fortnightly statements to their controlling offices. The controlling offices in turn are required to apprise their Head Offices of transactions of suspicious nature observed by them. RBI will look into these statements at the time of bank inspection.

RBI have further reported that banks have been advised from time to time to adhere to the prescribed norms and safeguards while opening accounts and to put in place systems and procedures to help to control financial frauds.

Banks have been advised by RBI to ensure that the procedure adopted does not lead to denial of access to the general public for banking service.

These instructions have been issued with a view to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

Freezing of DA payment

1442. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen have expressed its concern over Government's move to freeze the payment of dearness allowance for the next one year; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Several representations from different Service Organisations/employees associations have been received expressing concern over delay in release of DA instalment to Central Government employees *w.e.f.* 1.7.2002.

(b) The DA instalment which became due *w.e.f.* 1.7.2002, has been released to Central government employees and there has been no freezing of the DA payable to Central Government employees.

Investigation of balance sheet of M/s. Glenmark

1443. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Glenmar are under the SEBI lens;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Departmnt of Company Affairs is investigating the Glenmark balance sheet; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has informed that no case is pending with SEBI against M/s. Glenmark.